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### *Soviet Weapons Production Down, Secret Testimony Says*

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The Soviet Union scaled back production of some of its major weapons between 1977 and 1981, mainly because more sophisticated hardware was being placed into its arsenal, the Defense Intelligence Agency said in secret testimony released yesterday.

At a closed hearing June 29, 1982, of a congressional Joint Economic subcommittee, Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) noted Pentagon intelligence estimates that Soviet tank production fell from 2,500 in 1980 to 1,400 in 1981 and other armored vehicles dipped from 4,800 to 4,000.

"As the Soviets go to a more highly sophisticated kind of weaponry, they have not been producing those in the same numbers that they have been producing the earlier models of tanks," Army Lt. Gen. James A. Williams of the intelligence agency said in an unclassified transcript.